

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC)  
OF  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
MEETING OF June 16, 2008  
1300 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chair Nesser called the meeting to order at 10:10am. Ms. Shulman called the roll and noted that there was not a quorum currently present.

Committee Members Present:      Tess Nesser Vice-Chair  
   Joe Nucci, *via telephone*  
   Bonnie Bariola  
   Tami Ryall (*arrived at 10:35*)

Committee Members Absent:              Winston Thorne  
   Charles Ebner

Arizona State Parks Staff Present:      Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Grants  
   Vivia Strang, Historic Preservation Grants  
   Consultant  
   Bill Collins, SHPO  
   Ruth Shulman, Advisory Group Coordinator

Guest:                                      Victor Linoff  
   Patrice Caldwell, AZ Department of Health  
   Services  
   Dr. Jerry Howard, AZ Museum of Natural History  
   Patricia Olson, Arizona State University  
   Paula Moloff, City of Glendale  
   Lauren Harvey, Pima County  
   Erika Finbraaten, City of Phoenix

**B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Members and Staff introduced themselves.

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Approval of the March 17 and March 31, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Bariola noted a correction needed on the March 17, 2008 minutes. This correction is to page 9, paragraph 6, line 1, and corrects the name of the Globe City Council person from Lyle Reese to Lionel Ruiz. Ms. Ryall moved to approve both sets of minutes. Ms. Bariola seconded the motion, which carried with no further discussion.

Ms. Bariola went on to commend Ms. Shulman on her production of the minutes for each meeting. She noted that they are “wonderful” minutes reflecting long and complex meetings, and she couldn’t extend enough compliments.

**2. Consider Request for a One-Year Extension of the Project End Date for the Arizona Preservation Foundation – Montgomery House Historic Preservation Heritage Grant Project #640308**

Ms. Strang noted that in the agenda packet there is a copy of the letter from the Arizona Preservation Foundation. They believe the project should be finished during the coming year, and Staff recommends approving the request to extend the project end date from June 2, 2008 to June 2, 2009. Ms. Bariola asked if this were the second request for an extension. Ms. Strang said this is the second request. Ms. Bariola moved to approve the project end date from June 2, 2008 to June 2, 2009 for the Arizona Preservation Foundation – Montgomery House Historic Preservation Heritage Grant Project #640308, and forwarding this recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board for final action. Ms. Ryall seconded the motion, which carried with no further discussion.

**3. Consider Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Application to Fill Vacancy Beginning August 2008.**

Ms. Bariola moved that Victor Linoff be appointed to the HPAC to fill the citizen-at-large vacancy and for the remainder of a three-year term beginning August 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010 and that this recommendation be forwarded to the Arizona State Parks Board for final approval. Ms. Ryall seconded the motion, which carried with no further discussion.

Ms. Strang noted that this application would fill a long-standing vacancy.

**4. Consider Appointing a Liaison to the Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Rating Team**

Vice-Chair Nesser noted that Staff recommends appointing one non-scoring liaison member of HPAC to the grant rating team for the FY2008 first and second cycles. Ms. Bariola volunteered to be the liaison for both cycles of FY2008. She will recuse herself from any discussion of applications from Florence or the Florence Preservation Foundation, which she represents on HPAC. Ms. Ryall moved that Bonnie Bariola be appointed to serve as liaison to the grant rating team for both cycles of FY2008. Vice-Chair Nesser seconded the motion, which carried with no further discussion.

**D. PRESENTATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Ms. Strang presented the applications received for the first cycle of FY2008. Fourteen applications were received as of the May 30, 2008 deadline; requesting a total of \$1,086,621. There is currently \$798,611 available for the first cycle. The applications will be presented in alphabetical order.

**1. Arizona Department of Health Services – Arizona State Hospital**

**Administration Building.** They are requesting \$29,940, and the total project cost is \$49,900, for the preparation of a Historic Building Preservation Plan (HBPP) and a National Register Nomination (NRN). Ms. Patrice Caldwell of the Arizona Department of Health Services spoke on the project. She noted that the Administration Building, built in 1912 by architect Royal Leshner, is planned to be rehabilitated as part of

Arizona's Centennial celebration. The final use would be for community meeting space and as a museum for their collection of artifacts.

**2. Arizona Museum of Natural History – Mesa Grande Ruins Interpretive Project.**

They are requesting \$100,000, and the total project cost is \$250,000. Dr. Jerry Howard, Curator of Anthropology, spoke on the project. He noted that there has been a significant effort on the part of the Museum and volunteers to open the ruins to the public. The Mesa Grande site is one of the major Hohokam people's Temple Mounds, and a sister site to the Pueblo Grande Mound. Mesa Grande is also a major piece of architecture. The museum has received a grant from the Salt River Tribe, and this grant, if received, will make it possible to open the site to the public. Annual open houses have been well attended by the community.

**3. Arizona State University (ASU) – Harrington-Burchette House.** They are requesting \$10,120, and the total project cost is \$25,300. Ms. Patricia Olson of ASU spoke on this project and the one below. She is the Historic Preservation Coordinator for the University, which is working to preserve the historic fabric of ASU. The University feels that both projects are critical toward that goal. Matthews Hall was a dormitory built in 1918; the Harrington-Burchette house was a private home purchased by the University. Both structures will be used for academic offices or administrative offices for the University. Ms. Bariola asked for clarification on the project amount for the Harrington-Burchette House. Ms. Pulsifer noted that the project cost is \$25,300; the other amount is actually the matching funds provided by the University.

**4. Arizona State University – Matthews Hall.** They are requesting \$16,228, and the total project cost is \$40,570 for a HBPP. (Please see notes above.)

**5. City of Glendale – First United Methodist Church of Glendale.** They are requesting \$45,660, and the total project cost is \$96,620 for weatherization and stabilization of the building. Paula Moloff of Glendale spoke on this project and the one below. She noted that the City is sponsoring the application for the church, which is the oldest church in the downtown Glendale area. The building is a Gothic Revival structure, which is well cared for by the congregation, however the rehabilitation necessary will be costly. This will be Phase I of a larger effort. She also said that the Morcomb property is owned by the City and was acquired to be the historic gateway to downtown Glendale. The house is the only remaining un-refaced adobe house in Arizona. The gas station was built in the 1930s when Grand Avenue was a main travel artery for the state.

Ms. Bariola said that she wanted to commend the City of Glendale for their Historic Preservation efforts and noted that the City had received an award from the Governor for those efforts. Ms. Moloff said that Glendale's efforts started with a grant 14 years ago for the Saguaro Ranch barnyard, and she thanked ASP for their help to the City.

**6. City of Glendale – Morcomb Adobe House and Service Station.** They are requesting \$80,672, and the total project cost is \$205,681 for rehabilitation. (Please see notes above.)

**7. Oro Valley – Steam Pump Ranch and Pusch Ranch House.** They are requesting \$150,000, and the total project cost is \$421,211 for rehabilitation and restoration.

**8. City of Phoenix – Phoenix Indian School Dining Hall.** They are requesting \$150,000, and the total project cost is \$375,000 for exterior rehabilitation. Erika

Finbraaten, Historic Preservation Planner for the City spoke on the project. She said that the City had made the entire Phoenix Indian School complex a major focus of historic preservation efforts. The effort is so important to the City that it was part of a special bond initiative in 2006, from which bond money comes the match for this project. One aspect of the end purpose of the building is to provide space for Native American displays. The interior space will also provide venues for events during the entire year.

Vice-Chair Nesser asked if there would be any interpretive area giving the history of the space. Ms. Finbraaten replied that there is a "ring of history" interpretive path around Steele Indian School Park that serves that function.

(Ms. Ryall arrived at this time, and completed the quorum for HPAC for this meeting.)

**9. Pima County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources – Curley School Gym.**

They are requesting \$150,000, and the total project cost is \$375,000 for acquisition of the property and the HBPP. Lauren Harvey of Pima County spoke on the project. She said that the International Sonoran Desert Alliance has been successful in initiating and completing a lot of work on restoring and adapting the Curley School in Ajo. The Gym, once acquired, will become a recreation center for the apartments that are now part of school, but also for the community of Ajo as a whole. A Community Development Block Grant provided matching funds for this application.

Ms. Bariola commended Pima County on "bundling" grant funds to provide the match for this application.

**10. Pinal County – Second Pinal County Courthouse [1891].** They are requesting \$150,000, and the total project cost is \$375,000 for exterior restoration/rehabilitation. This is the fourth phase of their rehabilitation project.

**11. Safford Mayor's Historic Committee – Old Safford Theater.** They are requesting \$15,700, and the total project cost is \$26,240 for an NRN and HBPP. (This is a non-profit organization formed to assist the Town of Safford with historic preservation matters.)

**12. Town of Snowflake – Snowflake Academy.** They are requesting \$60,000, and the total project cost is \$140,000 to make the building ADA accessible. Vice-Chair Nesser asked about the elevator installation and whether that was completely necessary. Mr. Collins noted that the end use of this building will be a public library, and all three floors must be equally accessible.

**13. City of Tucson – Santa Cruz Catholic Church.** They are requesting \$73,500, and the total project cost is \$150,000 to repair/replace the roof on this structure. Ms. Bariola asked if this is the second submission of this application; Ms. Strang replied that it is.

**14. Yavapai County – Citizen's Cemetery.** They are requesting \$54,801, and the total project cost is \$94,801. Ms. Bariola asked if a cemetery is eligible for this grant program as being on the National Register, or preparing to be nominated to the National Register. Mr. Collins replied that the cemetery is on the National Register currently.

**E. REPORTS**

### **1. Parks Board Actions on HPAC Items**

Ms. Pulsifer said that the ASP Board had approved \$482,680 for the six high-priority projects forwarded by HPAC at their last meeting. She also wanted to note that the State of Arizona remains in a budget crisis, and is still \$2 billion short to balance the budget. However, at the Nogales Historic Preservation Conference, a member of the Governor's Staff said that the Governor is not in favor of "sweeping" Heritage Funds. Ms. Pulsifer reminded HPAC that it is still necessary to be vigilant in protecting the Heritage Funds, and encourages members and those with projects in the works to talk to their representatives about how important the funds are.

The ASP Board also approved acquisition of the Picket Post House. The Board approved entering into a purchase agreement for \$2,931,000 using Arizona Heritage Funds for two fiscal years. The Local, Regional, and State Parks (LRSP) fund will provide \$700,000 in each year, as will the Historic Preservation fund. Additionally, the Board approved using \$131,000 from the HP carryover funds of last cycle. The agreement has been signed and the Department of Administration needs to send a check to complete the purchase. A consultant has been hired to complete a Phase I environmental assessment of the property. Closing date on the property is anticipated to occur between July 10, 2008 and July 18, 2008. The Rose Family has donated to ASP all of Colonel Boyce Thompson's belongings. HPAC may be able to tour the property following a meeting at Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

Vice-Chair Nesser asked why the Board did not follow the motion made by HPAC to use less than \$700,000 of the Heritage Fund money for Historic Preservation grants. Ms. Pulsifer noted when the project was presented to the Board, that Assistant Director Jay Ream had said that using fewer dollars from the fund would be the ASP Board's decision at their September meeting when the Board considers the set-asides.

Ms. Bariola asked about the money available for grants for the first cycle, and whether it is the \$798,611 figure mentioned during the presentation. Ms. Pulsifer said that there is \$1,197,917 for all of FY2008, after taking into account the set-asides and the funding for the Picket Post House. Ms. Strang reminded HPAC that the set-asides would be discussed at the August meeting.

### **2. Heritage Fund Report**

The disbursement has not yet arrived. There will be a full report at the August meeting.

### **3. SHPO**

**Recent National Register Nominations:** Mr. Collins said that there were three properties under consideration. One was an amendment to the Pendley Homestead Historic District property in Sedona, to include the apple orchard in the National Register. The second listed property was the Catalina American Baptist Church in Tucson, a 1961 modern architecture structure, and the third property listed was the Cross Creek Ranch House, also in Sedona.

**Report On Statewide Historic Preservation Conference:** Mr. Collins said that the conference was even better attended than the prior year's conference in Prescott. He noted that the Curley School projects in Ajo won a major award. Ms. Bariola said that she had attended the conference, and enjoyed the venue at the resort in Rio Rico.

**F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

**G. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE,  
REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Ms. Bariola wanted to discuss the FY2009 grant application. Ms. Pulsifer said that the topic is usually discussed at the October HPAC meeting.

**H. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

August 18, 2008 – TBD. Details will be provided as they become available.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Nesser adjourned the meeting at 11:11am.